

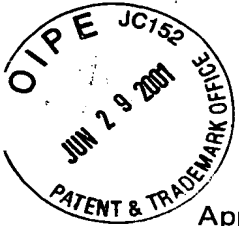
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert SCHULZ et al.

Title: NANOCOMPOSITES WITH
ACTIVATED INTERFACES
PREPARED BY MECHANICAL
GRINDING OF MAGNESIUM
HYDRIDES AND USE FOR
HYDROGEN STORAGE



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.



TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

These documents were brought to applicants attention in connection with the prosecution of their Canadian corresponding application.

Documents A1 to A3 are not believed to be "publications" within the meaning of section 102. They are only executive summaries of private meetings attended by a restricted group of experts of the International Energy Agency. These meetings were not open to the public and the executive summaries cited as Documents A1 to A3 are believed to have been provided only to the participants of the meetings. Twelve experts are believed to have attended the meeting as set forth in the documents.

Since documents A1 to A3 are not publications, they do not qualify as "prior art." However, in the interest of full disclosure, these documents are provided for consideration by the Examiner.

Document A4 is a list of posters shown to participants during a meeting held in Henniker, New Hampshire, and therefore may be public. In particular, poster W35 entitled "Mechanical Destabilization of Metal Hydrides." Applicants do not know if the disclosure at the conference is the same as that described in Document A3.

Document A5 makes reference to project no. 8 by the researchers at McGill University entitled "Mechanical Destabilization of Light Metal Hydrides." The International Energy Agency (IEA) has indicated that this document was published at the end of 1998. This document may reflect what was presented at the meeting held in Henniker, New Hampshire.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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